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In re the Application of:

WATANABE et al.

Art Unit: 3679

Application No.: 09/853,038

Examiner: G. Binda

Filed: May 11, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100725-00040

For: TRIPOD CONSTANT VELOCITY UNIVERSAL JOINT

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 11, 2002

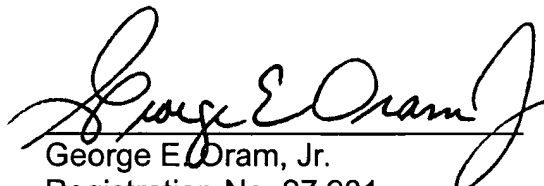
Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 15, 2002, the Applicants hereby elect Species I, directed to claims 1-7 and reading on Figs. 1-5B, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisionals on the non-elected Species.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected claims 1-7 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 100725-00040.

Respectfully submitted,


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